

## BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE TAG

General instructions for filling out biological sample tags:

- The purpose of biological sample tags is to provide a sturdy label for biological samples collected (*i.e.* vertebrae, finclip, head), excluding otolith and scale age structures.
- Each sample should be bagged separately, unless otherwise instructed, and have its own tag.
- If several samples from one animal are collected, or numerous vertebrae from one haul are obtained, each separately bagged sample may be placed in a larger bag for ease in transporting and tracking samples. The larger bag should be tagged as well and all of the appropriate samples indicated.
- A permanent marker should be used to complete the tag.
- If an entire marine mammal is retained, a biological sample tag should be completed and attached to the animal's lower jaw or caudal peduncle in addition to the yellow carcass tag.
- If an entire turtle is retained, a biological sample tag should be completed and attached to the animal's flipper, in addition to tagging the rear flipper with one Inconel tag.
- All protected species samples must be double bagged and double tagged.

**Biological Sample Tag, front.**

NMFS FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM			
Obs/Trip ID	A01099L	Haul #	10
Tag#		PSID	
Date	02/16/05		
Species	Monkfish	Stat Area	514
Fishery	050	Length	45
Disp	012		

**Biological Sample Tag, back.**

SAMPLE TYPE:			
BUBBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	JAW	<input type="checkbox"/>
FETUS	<input type="checkbox"/>	KIDNEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEAD	<input type="checkbox"/>	LIVER	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEART	<input type="checkbox"/>	MUSCLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
		REP. ORGAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
		STOMACH	<input type="checkbox"/>
		VERTEBRA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		WHOLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER _____		DNA	
		FINCLIP	<input type="checkbox"/>
		FLIPPER	<input type="checkbox"/>
		BIOPSY	<input type="checkbox"/>
		SKIN	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Figure 20.** Biological Tag illustration